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I would like to comment on the settlement in the Microsoft case. As I see it this settlement does not address the fundamental issues of Microsoft's aggressive and illegal behavior as a monopolist, further it gives Microsoft far to many opportunities to continue its behavior.

Among those issues not addressed is the barrier to entry for emerging operating systems, which will not be able to run any of the 70,000 existing application available on Windows. Consumers need freedom from intrusion by Microsoft into their computing choices. Microsoft has demonstrated a unwillingness to let consumers choose their own software, they have done this by including irrelevant software in with Windows. They have extended their monopoly into the realms of photo processing, forcing consumer to choose between Microsoft's stable of photo developers when developing electronic photos unless the consumer follows complicated procedure to find other options.

The remedies proposed by the Plaintiff Litigating States are far superior to the proposed settlement. I respectfully urge you to hold public proceedings under the Tunney Act to give citizens and consumer groups an equal opportunity to participate in this process.

Thank you
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